

**CR 102 RULE MAKING (RCW 34.05.320)**  
**Department of Labor and Industries**  
**Insurance Services Division**  
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**Attachment (A)**

**AMENDATORY SECTIONS:**

**WAC 296-20-200**      General information for impairment rating examinations by attending doctors, consultants or independent medical examination (IME) providers.  
This section was changed to accurately reflect the title of the subject addressed in this WAC, and to change some of the terminology to reflect current language used.

**NEW SECTIONS:**

**WAC 296-20-2010**    General rules for impairment rating examinations by attending doctors and consultants.  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-20-210 to this section.

**WAC 296-20-2015**    What rating systems are used for determining an impairment rating conducted by the attending doctor or a consultant?  
Clarified the rating systems that doctors should use for impairment ratings.

**WAC 296-20-2020**    When may attending doctors perform impairment rating examinations or refer to a consultant?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-20-267 to this section.

**WAC 296-20-2025**    May a worker bring someone with them to an impairment rating examination conducted by the attending doctor or a consultant?  
Moved requirements from 296-20-210 to this section.

**WAC 296-20-2030**    May the worker video or audio tape the impairment rating examination conducted by the attending doctor or a consultant?  
Clarified that audio/video recording is not allowed during examinations.

**WAC 296-23-302**      Definitions  
This section was added to clarify terminology used relating to independent medical examinations.

**WAC 296-23-307**      Why are independent medical examinations requested?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-255 to this section.

**WAC 296-23-312**      Can a provider conduct independent medical examinations (IME) for the department or self-insurer without an active IME provider number from the department?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26501 and 296-23-26502 to this section.

**WAC 296-23-317**      What qualifications must a provider meet to receive an independent medical examination (IME) provider number?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-265, 296-23-26501 and 296-23-26502 to this section.

**WAC 296-23-322**      What Boards are recognized by the department for independent medical examiner (IME) provider approval?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26501 and 296-23-26502 to this section.

**WAC 296-23-327**      What other factors may the department's medical director consider in approving or disapproving an application for an independent medical examiner (IME) provider number?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26501 and 296-23-26504 to this section.

**WAC 296-23-332**      What are the requirements for notifying the department if an independent medical examination (IME) provider has a change in status?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26501 to this section.

- WAC 296-23-337** What factors does the department consider in suspending or terminating an independent medical examiner (IME) provider number?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26503 to this section.
- WAC 296-23-342** Are providers entitled to referrals from the department?  
Clarified that providers are not entitled to referrals.
- WAC 296-23-347** What are the independent medical examiner (IME) provider's responsibilities in an examination?  
Clarified the steps that providers need to take before, during and after an examination.
- WAC 296-23-352** Must the independent medical examination (IME) provider address job analyses (JAs) at the request of the department or self-insurer?  
Clarified when and for how long providers must address JAs.
- WAC 296-23-357** May an independent medical examiner (IME) provider offer to provide ongoing treatment to the worker?  
Clarified the response to situations where an injured worker may want ongoing treatment from a independent medical examiner (IME) provider.
- WAC 296-23-362** May a worker bring someone with them to an independent medical examination (IME)?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-255 to this section.
- WAC 296-23-367** May the worker video or audio tape the independent medical examination?  
Clarified that audio/video recording is not allowed during examinations.
- WAC 296-23-372** Can a worker file a complaint about a provider's conduct during an independent medical examination?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26506 to this section.
- WAC 296-23-377** If an independent medical examiner (IME) provider is asked to do an impairment rating examination only, what information must be included in the report?  
Clarified the information required in an impairment rating report.
- WAC 296-23-382** What information must be included in an independent medical examination (IME) report?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-260 to this section.
- WAC 296-23-387** What are the responsibilities of an independent medical examiner (IME) provider regarding testimony?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-267 to this section.
- WAC 296-23-392** Is there a fee schedule for independent medical examinations?  
Moved requirements from WAC 296-23-26505 to this section.

**REPEALED SECTIONS:**

<b>WAC 296-20-210</b>	<b>General rules</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-20-2010
<b>WAC 296-23-255</b>	<b>Independent medical examinations.</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-307
<b>WAC 296-23-260</b>	<b>Examination reports.</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-382
<b>WAC 296-23-265</b>	<b>Who may perform independent medical examinations?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-317
<b>WAC 296-23-26501</b>	<b>How do doctors become approved examiners?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-312, WAC 296-23-317, WAC 296-23-322, WAC 296-23-327, WAC 296-23-332
<b>WAC 296-23-26502</b>	<b>Where can doctors get an application to become an approved examiner and other information about independent medical examinations?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-312, WAC 296-23-317, WAC 296-23-322
<b>WAC 296-23-26503</b>	<b>What factors does the medical director consider in approving, suspending or removing doctors from the approved examiners list?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-337
<b>WAC 296-23-26504</b>	<b>What happens if an examiner is suspended or removed from the approved examiner list by the medical director?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-327
<b>WAC 296-23-26505</b>	<b>Is there a fee schedule for independent medical examinations?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-392
<b>WAC 296-23-26506</b>	<b>Can a worker file a complaint about an independent medical examiner's conduct?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-23-372
<b>WAC 296-23-267</b>	<b>When may attending doctors perform impairment rating examinations?</b> Moved requirements from this section to WAC 296-20-2020
<b>WAC 296-23-270</b>	<b>Independent medical examinations two or more examiners</b> This section is no longer applicable because each individual provider will be receiving a provider number.